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In re Patent Application of:
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For: FORMULATIONS COMPRISING ANTISENSE
NUCLEOTIDES TO CONNEXINS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed July 1, 2004, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group VII (Claims 20-23 and 26), for continued examination, with traverse.